



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2016**

City Council Chambers  
Lansing, Michigan

Pursuant to Section 3-202.1 of the City Charter, President Brown Clarke and Vice President Yorko called a special meeting of the City Council. The City Council of the City of Lansing met in special session and was called to order at 4:47 p.m. by President Brown Clarke

PRESENT: Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: Council Member Houghton (4:50 p.m.)

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Brown Clarke

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Harold King spoke about the County Drain.

Joel Ferguson spoke in support of the Easement.

John Pirich spoke in support of the Easement.

Michael Woodworth spoke in support of the Easement.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**RESOLUTION #2016-070**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Act-2-2016 Montgomery Drain Drainage Easements to include: Conservation Easement between the City of Lansing and MDEQ; Proposed Drain Easement for Montgomery Drain at Ranney Park; and; Proposed Drain Easement for Montgomery Drain at Red Cedar Park

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Drain is a county drain duly established pursuant to Chapter 20 of Public Act 40 of 1956 of the State of Michigan (Michigan Drain Code), under the jurisdiction of the Montgomery Drain Drainage Board, Patrick E. Lindemann, Chairman; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the City of Lansing and the County of Ingham petitioned for improvements to the Montgomery Drain and on July 15, 2014, the Drainage Board, after making the determinations required by law, entered a Final Order of Determination finding that the petitioned for improvements should be constructed; and

WHEREAS, the City owns land assigned Parcel Number 33-01-01-14-226-061 commonly referred to as Ranney Park and land assigned Parcel Number 33-01-01-14-426-001 commonly referred to as Red Cedar Park; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the Drain improvement project petitioned for by the City, it is necessary for the Montgomery Drain Drainage District to acquire easements upon City owned park property including a Conservation Easement on Red Cedar Park in a form and with content required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and easements on Red Cedar Park and Ranney Park for drainage purposes, which purposes include, but are not limited to, the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of drain infrastructure and equipment and the construction, maintenance and lighting of access pathways to and from that drain infrastructure and equipment; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2016, the Park Board voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend approval of the easements sought on Red Cedar Park and Ranney Park for the Montgomery Drain improvement project; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2016, the Planning Board voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend approval of Act 2-2016 to grant the easements sought on Red Cedar Park and Ranney Park for the Montgomery Drain improvement project; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2016 and April 11, 2016, the Lansing City Council conducted public hearings on the three easements that are the subject of this Resolution, and;

WHEREAS, copies of the easements sought by the Montgomery Drain Drainage District on Red Cedar Park and Ranney Park are attached as to this Resolution as Exhibits A, B, and C, and the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed those easements and the recommendations of the Park Board and Planning Board and concurs therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the three easements sought by the Montgomery Drain Drainage District on Red Cedar Park and Ranney Park in the form and content set forth in the attached Exhibits A, B and C, said form and content having been approved by the City Attorney.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to sign and execute the easements approved by this Resolution.

Moved by Council Member Washington

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood, Yorko

Nays: None

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Yorko shared details on upcoming meetings on Lansing School District Pathway Promise Bond Proposal, City Budget Committee Hearing and a Fourth Ward Constituent Conversation.

**ADJOURNED TIME 5:44 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**